

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to approve minutes of a regular meeting on 10/10/12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve minutes of a special meeting held on 10/24/12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

In correspondence there were invitations to holiday events and Association of Towns invitation to their annual meeting, an email from a board member of Hay Memorial Library asking if the Town could plow their parking lot this year. Supervisor Scee reported that he made them aware that the Town, according to law, can not plow private property. Supervisor Scee received another email reporting that there were large chunks of mud from a farmer's field in the middle of Jericho Road and the Highway Superintendent scraped them off that evening. The email writer thanked him.

The Supervisor's Report was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$918,605.45, Total disbursements \$1,900,410.79, Total checking account \$781,091.00, and Total investments \$401,384.37.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Clerk to the Supervisor reported to the Board that a total of \$21,181.84 in unpaid water bills, districts 1-4, were relieved and will appear on the 2013 Town/County tax bills in January. The water districts are made whole and the Town will be made whole from the taxes.

Abstract #11, vouchers #647-714 was presented: General Fund A \$30,747.92, General Fund B \$1,186.50, Highway Fund A \$22,097.01, Highway Fund B \$23,221.27, Water District 2 \$17,983.20, Water District 1 \$ 6,560.58, Water District 4 \$ 2,425.95, Water District 3 \$ 1,956.41, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$350,078.60, Wind Power Fund \$466.70, Abstract Total \$456,724.14.

Supervisor Scee explained that the issue with an overcharge on a water bill from the Village has not been resolved so the check for \$15,172.45, voucher #706 has been held out of abstract #11.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Young to pay the bills in abstract #11 with the exception of #706. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he attended a Water Committee meeting and Water District 5 progress meeting and new customers are being hooked up. He also attended a Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting and reminded residents to fill out a survey for them. C'man Lee also attended an Economic Development Committee meeting and it was reported that Samaritan has signed a lease for a clinic in Madison Barracks and is renovating the building. Mr. Lee also reported that there is a water credit request for \$410.20 because a customer believes he had a bad meter. The meter is being tested now and the Board will review the results when received.

C'man Young reported that he also attended the Economic Development Committee meeting, the Hay Memorial Library meeting, and met with Highway Dept. and Union representatives for negotiations. East Hounsfield Library did not have a meeting in October.

C'man Battista gave a Fire Department report and announced that their Fowl Play fundraiser is scheduled for Friday the 16th.

C'man Farrington gave a report for the Recreation Commission and announced that the 2013-2014 budget is finalized with a total of \$46,400.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista that the lease agreement for grounds at East Hounsfield Library be presented to them. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for October. He also asked the Board permission to sell the used Water Dept. pick up truck.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to open sealed bids to sell the used Water Dept. pick up truck on December 12, 2012 with the right to refuse any or all bids. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for October and she also reported that she attended a Water Committee meeting and a Cemetery Committee meeting.

Supervisor Scee reported that a NYSERDA rebate program is being offered to local governments to purchase equipment that is energy efficient and there is a 75% rebate to the Town on equipment purchased that fits the requirements. He suggested a copier for the clerk's office and equipment for other departments in the Town. A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to go ahead with this rebate program to purchase equipment needed and apply for the 75% rebate on them. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A Planning Board report was given by Yvonne Podvin, Chairperson.

Corey Reid of Bernier, Carr Assoc. was present with an update for construction of Water District 5.

C'man Lee reported on the hookup fee costs for the new hookup at Robbins Farms. The total of labor, parts and sand used for this came to \$1229.46. He also reported that the Town always taps their own water lines.

An update was given on the cost of employee health insurance this year and the savings of the new plan was approximately \$37,000.

Supervisor Scee announced that the State and local chapters of the Daughters of the War of 1812 are planning to erect a monument in memorial to the soldiers of the local War of 1812 battles. It will be placed in Lakeside Cemetery and a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to approve of this gift to the cemetery. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man and 2nd by C'man Farrington to set the water usage rate for district 5 billing in December as \$85 for 0-10,000 gals used and \$5 per 1,000 gals over 10,000 gals. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the floor was opened for comment and comments were made about wanting more reports from the Economic Development Director and more attention to the eastern portion of Town. Contact information for the director will be made available.

A comment was made that the Fire Department members need more training and better attendance at their meetings and the Supervisor was asked to attend a few FD meetings.

The Highway Superintendent announced that both new plows for the pickups and the box for the water pickup are here.

The Water Superintendent suggested again that a meeting be set up with himself and the Fire Dept. to work on communications when fire calls occur and for reporting how much water is used when fighting fires.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Farrington to enter into an executive session to discuss a tentative union agreement with the Highway Department. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board returned at 8:09 PM and a motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Farrington to pass the union contract with the Highway Department. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier
Town Clerk